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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

REV. S. W. DOCKERY.....	Rockingham,	N. C.
" R. COVINGTON.....	"	"
" G. B. MASON	"	"
" A. COVINGTON.....	"	"
" D. C. CAMPBELL.....	Laurinburg,	"
" ELIAS BALDWIN.....	Covington,	"
" H. MCINTIRE.....		
" M. C. McMILLAN	Shoe Heel,	"
" E. V. REID.....	Cheraw,	S. C.
" ISAAC WILLIAMS	Laurinburg,	N. C.

LICENTIATES.

WASHINGTON GREEN.....	Monroe,	N. C.
MOSES MONROE.....	Laurinburg,	"
SANDY JOHNSON.	"	"
T. A. CRANCH.....	Rockingham,	"
B. COVINGHAM.....	"	"
J. E. ELERBE	"	"
W. M. MASON.....	"	"
A. DOCKERY.....	"	"
J. CAMPBELL.....	"	"
T. A. LOMAX.....	Lilesville,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, October 10th, 1884.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Pee Dee Colored Baptist Association met with the Spring Branch church, Rev. S. W. Dockery, pastor, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, in its fourteenth annual session.

Rev. S. W. Dockery sang a hymn on page 1148: "Blessed be the tie that binds," &c.

Prayer by Rev. S. W. Dockery.

After which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. D. C. Campbell, from the 14th chapter of Zechariah, 4th verse.

Rev. S. W. Dockery then gave the Association a cordial welcome to the church.

Rev. A. Covington, the former Moderator, called the Association to order, and announced it ready for business.

The churches were then called and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Lilesville—S. W. Dockery, T. A. Lomax and R. Tillman.

Nashville—Norman Woodard, James McNair and Dennis Johnson.

Holly Grove—Calvin Dockery, Alexander Elerbe and Henry McLauchlin.

Bethlehem—Henry Monroe and H. McLean.

Mount Olive—Alexander Smith.

Saron—Elias Baldwin and Eli Hines.

Rockingham—Calvin Flowers and Bunk Covington.

Spring Branch—B. F. McLauchlin, Eli McLauchlin and Moses Monroe.

Solomon's Creek—J. F. Brower.

Shoe Heel—Duncan McIntosh.

Laurinburg—Joe Aldred, Captain Wale and Jesse Dickson.

Snow Hill—Peter Morrison and Samuel Richmond.

Buffalo Springs—Jesse McKindon and Robert Graham.

After which the Association went into the selection of officers. S. W. Dockery was elected Moderator, W. H. Woodard Clerk, Calvin Wadkin Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer by J. F. Brower. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called together by singing. Prayer by Bunk Covington. The Moderator then announced the house ready for business.

A motion was made by T. A. Lomax that the minutes of the forenoon session be read, which, on motion, was adopted.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with the body. Isaac Williams, of the S. C. Pee Pee Association; F. B. Bennett, of Albany (Ala.) Association, and Charles Carliles, of the Gray's Creek Association, accepted seats with us.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were then read.

On motion, a committee of five were appointed, consisting of Norman Woodard, Eli Hines, Alexander Smith, B. F. McLaughlin and T. A. Lomax.

On motion, a committee on devotional exercises were appointed, viz: J. F. Brower, Jas. McNair, Joe Aldred, Alexander Elerbe and Jacob McLean.

The committee reported the following: To preach at night at 7 o'clock, Isaac Williams.

NIGHT SESSION.

The people met at 7 o'clock with their hearts lifted up to God to hear Bro. Isaac Williams, from the S. C. Pee Dee Association.

The meeting was opened by singing hymn on page 638, after which a sermon was preached by Rev. Williams, from the 2d chapter of 2d Timothy, and 3d verse. After a very feeling sermon, prayer was offered by Rev. M. C. McMillan.

A collection was taken up to the amount of \$2.88 for Associational purposes.

The Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 13th, 1884.

The hour having arrived, the congregation met in a prayer meeting, conducted by Bro. J. F. Brower; after which a sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Lomax, from 1st chapter of Jude, 21st verse: "Keep yourselves in the love of God," &c. Elder E. V. Reid made a few remarks.

Prayer by Rev. R. Covington. Sang hymn on page 25. A collection was taken up amounting to \$1.10. Recess of ten minutes.

The Moderator then called the Association to order and announced it ready for business.

The minutes of the first day's session was called for and read.

An invitation was extended to all visiting brethren.

A question arose concerning Buffalo Springs, as to whether that church had a right to withdraw from the Association without a letter. After several speeches, it was decided they could not.

On motion, the Finance committee's report was called for.

The Finance committee reported the sum of \$38.75.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Bro. J. F. Brower moved that the Association take under her watchful care the Pee Dee Academy. Adopted.

Bro. Eli McLauchlin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Association appoint the 2nd day of August, 1885, as a fast-day. Adopted.

Rev. A. Covington offered the following, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Believing that the Pee Dee Association would have been a great deal larger and more good would have been accomplished, had we a missionary; therefore be it

Resolved, That this body send out a missionary, and that he will make his mission self-supporting as far as possible.

On motion, Rev. E. V. Reid was chosen for the missionary work.

Rev. R. Covington then arose and made a speech in the interest of Rockingham church.

Bro. J. F. Brower moved that all churches that have not brought up the ten cents tax be requested to send it to the Treasurer. Adopted.

On motion, the house adjourned by singing 1238th hymn. Prayer by the Moderator. Benediction by E. V. Reid.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body re-assembled at hour of 2 p. m. Sang hymn on page 638. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Brower.

The Moderator then announced the house ready for business.

On motion, the minutes of the forenoon session were called for and read.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

Centre Grove church being present, a motion was made to hear from her. She was received.

The Ministerial Board reported that they had licensed John E. Elerbe, of Holly Grove church, Judge Cambell, of Bethlehem, and T. A. Lomax, of Lilesville church.

On motion of Bro. T. A. Lomax, Revs. S. W. Dockery, E. V. Reid and Elias Baldwin were appointed the Examining Board for the next year.

On motion of Rev. R. Covington, the Board were allowed the right to call any ordained minister to assist them.

Rev. S. W. Dockery made a few remarks on the importance of being prepared to preach the Gospel of Christ. He showed that preaching means teaching.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed on Time and Place of holding the next Association, viz: Calvin Dockery, M. C. McMillan, Calvin Flowers, Duncan McIntosh and Moses Monroe.

On motion, the Association give Salem Creek \$18 when collected; Nashville church was allowed \$5; Spring Branch \$5; Mount Olive \$4; and Solomon Creek \$4.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Rev. F. B. Bennett would preach to-night at 7 o'clock.

On motion, Rev. S. W. Dockery was chosen as the delegate to the State Convention.

After singing, the Association adjourned to meet again to-night. Benediction by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

The congregation assembled and sang hymn on page 623: "Come, ye that love the Lord," &c. Rev. F. B. Bennett preached a sermon from the 15th chapter of Proverbs and 29th verse: "The Lord is far from the wicked," &c. Prayer by T. A. Lomax. A collection was taken up amounting to \$4.33.

The Moderator then called the house to order to finish up the business of the Association.

On motion, M. C. McMillan and J. F. Brower were delegated to meet with the Lumber River Association; W. H. Woodard, R. Covington and T. A. Lomax to meet with the Zion Association.

On motion, Rev. R. Covington and Rev. Elias Baldwin were empowered to collect money for Rockingham church.

On motion, R. L. Jeffres was received as a member of the Pee Dee (col.) Association.

On motion, Alma church was received under the watchful care of the Pee Dee (col.) Association.

On motion, Rev. F. B. Bennett, of the Albany (Ala.) Association was received under the watchful care of this Association.

On motion, the Association gave a vote of thanks to Rev. D. C. Campbell for bringing Snow Hill church back to the Association.

Adjourned.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 12th, 1884.

At the hour of ten a prayer meeting was conducted by Rev. E. V. Reid, which was largely attended. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to have been with us during the services.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, the congregation assembled to hear the Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Rev. S. W. Dockery, from 7th chapter of 1st Kings and the 25th verse. His sermon was pointed and had a great effect. A collection was taken up to the amount of \$22.74. Sang hymn on page 805.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the hour of 2 o'clock, a sermon was preached by Rev. R. Covington from Romans 1:16—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel Christ," &c. He showed why Paul was not ashamed of it; and why should the God-called minister be? He also proved the great love God has for his church.

Prayer by E. V. Reid. A collection was taken up to the amount of \$6.88. Rev. S. W. Dockery asked that the collection during the day go to Spring Branch church.

NIGHT SESSION.

At the hour 7 o'clock the house reassembled by singing. Bro. Isaac Williams was ordained and set apart for the Gospel ministry.

A sermon was then preached by Rev. E. V. Reid from

the 11th chapter of Proverbs, 30th verse: "He that winneth souls is wise." Prayer by Rev. S. W. Dockery. A collection of \$4.20 was taken up.

After which, a vote of thanks was given to Spring Branch church and friends for their kind hospitality shown towards the brethren and friends attending the session.

W. H. Woodard read the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Gospel is the means of bringing souls to Christ, and that preaching the Gospel is the chief way to convert men: therefore be it

Resolved, That no man belonging to the Pee Dee Association be licensed to preach the Gospel except he pass a satisfactory examination; and that there be a Board of three ordained ministers elected annually as Examiners, and those who feel they are called must come before said Board.

By Rev. S. W. Dockery, which was adopted: .

Resolved, That the members of each church connected with this Association be requested to pay the sum of ten cents each for the benefit of the mission work of the Association.

The amount sent up by the churches and collected during the session was \$68.80. The amount paid out was \$60.40. Balance left in the hands of Treasurer, \$8.40.

Writers for the next Association are as follows:

On Home Missions—S. W. Dockery.

On Church Extension—A. Covington.

On Education—J. W. Lauchlin.

On Temperance—Miss R. A. Dockery.

On Sunday Schools—Miss S. A. Woodard.

On the Duty of a Minister—D. C. Campbell.

On Foreign Missions—T. A. Lomax.

The Association then adjourned.

W. H. WOODARD,
Clerk.

S. W. DOCKERY,
MODERATOR.

APPENDIX.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is an age of progress, and he who plays his part must understand it well. The teachers of the present day must be superior to those of the past; and those of the future should excel the present ones. So should the ministers be in like manner, in order to prove to the people the great teaching of the Bible, which is the guiding star of all nations. From the Bible comes the great law of the Church and State. In it great mysteries are found, and the ministers are the ones that the people are looking to to teach them those mysteries. Can they teach unless they have been taught? Can the people learn without a teacher? Can a child read who does not know his alphabet? Neither can a minister fill his rank in the gospel field without education—although much good has been done without it, yet greater good can be done with it. We are taught from the Bible to be wise and apt to teach. Christ himself condemned ignorant teachers when he said: "Can the blind lead the blind?" In this He condemns ignorance. So must those who stand as watchmen for God condemn ignorance, sin and folly, and bring the people up to a higher plane of christian civilization. Light must comprehend darkness, and not darkness light. So must the ministers teach the people, and not the people the ministers.

I hope the young men who feel that they are called to the ministry will prepare themselves for the work. For the time has come when form and tone cease to be a virtue. So the ministers must educate themselves and come before the people with truth and not imagination—be able to stand like Paul, without shame or fear.

W. H. WOODARD.

Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C.

TEMPERANCE.

I look on the great Temperance cause with high appreciation and believe it to be essential to the happiness of man. Though many, from their actions, fight against the great Temperance cause and have tried to kill out its influences, all over this country; but God, whose power and wisdom is beyond man's, has kept alive this great work.

Dear brethren, I am sorry to say, but yet it is true, that a great many who oppose Temperance are in the Christian ranks. I mean the church, where goodness, peace, prosperity and temperance should be agitated. Dear brethren, should we, as christians, oppose temperance? Or should we do all in our power to advance the cause until its influence is felt throughout the land? Dear brethren

and sisters, we are represented as lights on a hill which cannot be hid. Then, dear brethren, let us, by the help of God, in the future do all we can to promulgate this noble and good cause among men. God has chosen us to advance His kingdom while here in this world, and if we fail to advocate Temperance, we may rest assured that we have not done our duty to God and our fellow man, as christians. Dear brethren and sisters, we have seen and felt the evil of intemperance right here. Fathers and mothers' hearts have grieved on account of intemperance. I hope and pray that Temperance will spread, and that much good will be accomplished by it. I hope our ministers will be more concerned in this great cause.

Yours, for the Temperance cause,

S. A. WOODARD.

Laurinburg, Richmond Co., N. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Pee Dee Colored Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment and giving an account of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen annually by ballot. A plurality of votes shall constitute an election, and they shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce and observe the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on subjects under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing of the minutes and their distribution to the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent in by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make an annual report of the condition of the Treasury at each session of the Association.

ART. 9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session through delegates, and if the Association consents to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church that neglects to preserve Gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of body save that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this body shall be held at such time and place as will be considered most expedient.

ART. 13. By the appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session the Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Approved and adopted on Saturday, September 10th, 1870, at Carthledge's Creek, Richmond county, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association; of him punctuality, gravity and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association by prayer, or call upon some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof, and decide between contending claims. He should never speak in debate except on important questions, and then not until he has given others a fair opportunity to give their views; and he shall appoint some other member to the chair. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he may deem it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members and record the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

3. The members of the Association shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should all labor to support. All invective should be carefully avoided by members while speaking, and those who are not speaking should refrain from all indecorous conduct as is calculated to throw odium on the speaker, or to interrupt his chain of thought or good feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No member shall withdraw without permission from the Moderator, nor speak on any one question longer than six minutes at a time without permission from the house. "Let all things be done decently and in order."—1 Cor., 14th chapter, 40th verse.



